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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia from 1965-66 to March 1968 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

Period	Chickens, (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters)	Hens and Stags	Ducks and Drakes	Turkeys	Total
NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000)					
1965-66	2,716	197	52	20	2,985
1966-67	3,682	192	59	28	3,962
1967 - Mar. Qr.	933	39	17	4	993
June Qr.	1,018	60	19	8	1,105
Sept. Qr.	1,041	66	5	6	1,119
Dec. Qr.	1,020	90	7	3	1,120
1968 Mar. Qr.	1,079	65	12	1	1,156
January	364	19	3	-	386
February	378	26	4	-	409
March	336	19	5	-	361
LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb)					
1965-66	8,553	970	304	257	10,084
1966-67	12,011	984	336	397	13,727
1967 - Mar. Qr.	3,025	191	97	60	3,373
June Qr.	3,356	316	113	110	3,894
Sept. Qr.	3,459	337	30	92	3,918
Dec. Qr.	3,329	447	37	37	3,851
1968 Mar. Qr.	3,568	327	67	10	3,971
January	1,195	98	14	4	r 1,311
February	1,231	127	25	1	1,384
March	1,142	102	29	4	1,277
DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb) (b)					
1965-66	6,447	653	209	187	7,496
1966-67	9,167	667	235	295	10,363
1967 - Mar. Qr.	2,259	132	67	46	2,504
June Qr.	2,621	209	78	79	2,986
Sept. Qr.	2,694	225	23	70	3,012
Dec. Qr.	2,574	302	26	29	2,930
1968 - Mar. Qr.	2,633	220	47	7	2,907
January	872	66	10	3	951
February	888	86	17	1	992
March	873	69	20	3	965

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (584 geese with live weight of 5,521 lb. and dressed weight of 4,012 lb. were slaughtered during 1966-67).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

- Nil or less than half the final digit.

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TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

Particulars	1965-66	1966-67	Quarter Ended					Jan. 1968	Feb. 1968	Mar. 1968
			Mar. 1967	June 1967	Sept. 1967	Dec. 1967	Mar. 1968			
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Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch -										
Meat strains	5,089	6,215	1,575	1,678	1,799	1,790	1,974	678	669	627
Egg strains	4,464	5,352	514	1,326	2,610	793	700	236	194	270
Total eggs	9,553	11,567	2,089	3,004	4,409	2,583	2,674	913	863	897
Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for -										
Chicken meat -										
Meat strains - unsexed	3,501	4,383	1,057	1,197	1,233	1,243	1,341	468	428	444
Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels	274	230	27	31	68	39	16	4	5	6
Egg production -										
Egg strains (b) - pullets	1,525	1,925	149	377	1,009	386	206	60	69	77
Breeding -										
Egg strains - pullets	70	89	n.a.	n.a.	32	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
cockerels	8	13	n.a.	n.a.	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total chicks (c)	5,378	6,642	(d)1,233	(d)1,605	2,346	(d)1,667	(d)1,563	(d)533	(d)502	(d)527

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 4,700 for March 1968.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

(d) Excludes egg strain chicks for breeding purposes, where figures are not available for publication.

n.a. Not available for publication.

